



JANUARY 6, 2019
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES Todd Jones

†VOLUNTARY Dietrich Buxtehude
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

*CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30) Josh Rodriguez
(11:00) Adam DeVries

Leader: What shall we render unto the Lord
for all His benefits toward us?

**People: We will take the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore, let us keep the feast!

**People: O taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who trusts in Him!**

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 150 DIX
As with Gladness, Men of Old

†WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP Todd Jones

CALL TO CONFESSION (8:30) Josh Rodriguez
(11:00) Adam DeVries

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against Your holy laws.
We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things
which we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to Your promises declared to the world
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for His sake,
that we may live a holy, just and humble life
to the glory of Your holy name.**
(A moment for silent confession.)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Children are invited to come to the front for the baptisms.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(8:30)

Todd Jones

Lisa & Ross Jager are presenting their daughter, Charlotte Grace Jager, for baptism. Assisting Elder: Laura Coyle

(11:00)

Todd Jones

Cate & Will Lane are presenting their son, William Walter Lane Jr., for baptism. Assisting Elder: David Wiley

†HYMN FOR BAPTISM

TALLIS' CANON

3 Lord Je - sus Christ, our Lord most dear, as
6 You were once an in - fant here, so give this child of
Yours, we pray, Your grace and bless - ing day by day

‡ Children who are age 4, 5 or 6 (not in 1st grade) are invited to
Young Children and Worship in room CW-110.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Todd Jones

**Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from Your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today
in the ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Reid Groomes

Isaiah 60:1-6, *page 690*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Todd Jones
Matthew 2:1-12, page 2

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Todd Jones

Following Where the Star Leads

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

Stuart Gordon
Hymnal, page 35

OFFERTORY

Felix Mendelssohn

Behold a Star from Jacob Shining

Behold a star from Jacob shining,
and a scepter from Israel rising,
to reign in glory over the nations,
like some bright morning star is he,
the promise of the coming day,
beyond the night of sorrow.
Break forth, O Light!
We, our joyful hearts uplifting with thanksgiving,
hail the brightness of Thy rising.

*PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Todd Jones

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SURSUM CORDA (*Lift Up Your Hearts*)

Leader People Leader

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up, lift up your -

7 People Leader

hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us all give thanks to the

11 People

Lord our - God. It is right to give God thanks and - praise.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

Hymnal, page 35

SERVING OF THE ELEMENTS

Todd Jones and
Stuart Gordon

All communion bread is gluten-free.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FORTH

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Todd Jones

HYMN 159 KINGSFOLD

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Todd Jones

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ST. LOUIS

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him,
still the dear Christ enters in.**

*The congregation will be seated for a moment of silent prayer
after the benediction.*

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY Dietrich Buxtehude

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

* Those who are able, please stand. † Latecomers may be seated.
Please silence your cell phone as you enter the sanctuary.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Todd Jones, Pastor

Stuart Gordon, Executive Pastor

Adam DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families

Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministry

Vee Counter, (8:30) Cross Bearer

Lillian Yarbrough, (8:30) Bible Bearer

Carter Gold, (11:00) Cross Bearer

Edwin Bass, (11:00) Bible Bearer

Campbell Counter, (8:30) Baptism Buddy

Kaiser Martin, (8:30) Worship Helper

Gisle Kirezi, (11:00) Baptism Buddy

Vaughan Yancey, (11:00) Worship Helper

Raphael Bundage, Director of Music

Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Welcome! — First Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. We are delighted you have chosen to join us. Whether you are a longtime member or a guest, please note your attendance today in the fellowship pad found in your pew.

Guests — Please take a moment to fill out a Connect Card so that we may more personally welcome you into community. We also invite you to visit the Welcome Center in the church narthex for additional information or if you are interested in becoming a member. There, you may visit with one of our elders, staff or pastors. You may also contact the church office at 615-383-1815, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

TODAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- **FLOWERS** — Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Stuart Gough Dale and Archie Dillon Youngblood and in loving memory of the bride's grandfather James Crosswy Dale III and her uncle James Crosswy Dale IV.
- **FELLOWSHIP, COFFEE & DONUTS** — Please join us between services downstairs in Courtenay Hall for coffee and donuts.
- **ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES** — Hearing devices, large-print hymnals, large-print bulletins and large-print Bibles are located in the narthex across from the Welcome Center. If anyone has a need or disability requiring assistance or accommodation for any church activity, please contact the church office at 615-383-1815.
- **LIVE STREAM IN COURTENAY HALL** — Each of the Sunday morning worship services is streamed live in Courtenay Hall.
- **HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?** — Prayer request cards can be found in the pews and deposited in the offering plate or the prayer request boxes, located in the narthex on the southeast wall and at the Hospitality Center. Church officers meet weekly to lift up prayer requests to God.
- **SERMONS** can be found on our website at fpcnashville.org.

Smile and greet other worshipers!

"Spur one another on toward love and good deeds." Hebrews 10:24-25

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HOLY COMMUNION** will be observed today at the 8:30, 11:00 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. worship services. Prepare your hearts to celebrate this sign of Christ's love and grace.
- **HAVE YOU PLEDGED FOR 2019?** — We have not made our 2019 goal yet so please make your pledge today on our website homepage or text "Generosity" to 707-475-3005.
- **THE FIVE THIRTY SERVICE** — Kody Whitaker will be preaching his sermon *Fascinated, I Took it All In*. Nursery care will be provided.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** — A congregational meeting will be held today following the morning worship services. The purpose is to hear the report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to vote on its candidate for the position of Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Engagement.
- **BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL** — On Tuesday, January 15, representatives of the church and Oak Hill School will appear before the Board of Zoning Appeals of the city at 5:00 P.M. They will present an update to the church's master plan, in order to incorporate some changes made for long-term planning purposes. Those changes would seek, over the next several years, to accommodate our new therapeutic riding program, enhance the school's athletic facilities, and replace the oldest wing of the school. The Session approved the updated plan at its November meeting.

■ **TODD'S RETIREMENT RECEPTION** — Join us January 20 during the Sunday School hour to honor Todd and his time at First Presbyterian Church. Hosted by the Presbyterian Women. All members are invited. Light refreshments will be served.

■ **RECENTER...RECONNECT...REJUVENATE** — Need to unplug from the stress of our lives and reconnect to God? Join Sandra Randleman and a small group in the Matt Hill Prayer Room each Wednesday at 4:00 for a short reflective Bible study and Contemplative prayer. The prayer group will resume on January 9 at 4:00 P.M.

■ **ENNEAGRAM JOURNEY CLASS CONTINUES** — Join us January 6 as we learn more about the Enneagram and what it has to teach us about loving God, others, and ourselves. If you are interested in this spring class, please email Abbi Rodriguez at abigail0130@gmail.com.

■ **INQUIRERS CLASS** — An Inquirers Class will be held on January 6, 13, 27, February 3 and 10 during the Sunday School hour in Courtenay Lounge. If you are interested in uniting with First Presbyterian Church as members or just wish to learn more about the history and mission of our church, you are invited to attend. For more information, contact Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502.

■ **DIVORCECARE** — Our next DivorceCare group begins on Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30 P.M. in the Memorial Library. Dinner is available in Courtenay Hall at 5:30 P.M. with reservation by calling 615-298-9509.

■ **FIND A GREATER SENSE OF PURPOSE AT WORK** — Beginning January 9, join us in a discussion about expressing your faith at work on Wednesdays at the Freeman-Webb Building or on Fridays in the Pinnacle Building.

■ **FOUR GENS IN A ROOM** — On Wednesday nights from January 9 to February 13, you are invited to join our pastors from different generations for a discussion from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. in Courtenay Hall. The aim is to strengthen our relationships across the generations while we learn more about the faith heritage we have received from earlier generations.

■ **LENTEN GROUPS BEGIN IN MARCH** — Finding community means meeting other people who want to grow in faith together. Our Lenten Communities of Belonging groups begin in March, with a study of "Temptation in the Desert." Be on the lookout for more details in the February *First Edition* and Parish News.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND NURSERY

■ **MOTHER AND INFANT QUIET ROOM** — If you need a quiet place for nursing or calming your baby, please use the room inside the Nursery Wing.

■ **CHILDREN'S CHOIR REGISTRATION** — We're starting our winter-spring semester and invite your child (ages four – sixth grade) to join the fun. Our weekly rehearsals are Sundays from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. and we will have numerous times to sing in worship, ending with a special involvement in the Palm Sunday and Mother's Day services. Registration is available on the Children's web page under Registrations. Contact Kelly Posey (kposey@fpcnashville.org) with questions.

■ OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN DURING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

- **Children's Bulletin, Sermon Sheet & Worship Bag:** All children are encouraged to use these to stay engaged during the service. These are located both in the narthex and at the pulpit entrance.
- **Young Children & Worship:** Children who are age four, five or six (not in first grade) are invited. After the children come up during worship services for children's time or a baptism, they will exit the Sanctuary and go to room CW-110. Parents are welcome to join their child or stay for the remainder of the service.
- **Nursery Care** for children six weeks to three years is available during 8:30 & 11:00 services and Sunday School from 9:45 to 10:45. Ask an elder/deacon to help you locate the Children's Hospitality Center.

*For more Children's Ministry info, contact Deb O'Brien
at 615-298-9582 or dobrien@fpcnashville.org.*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

■ SYMPATHY — The First Presbyterian Church family extends sympathy to the friends and family of the following during their time of loss:

- Scott Watkins, on the death of his wife, Kathryn Linder Watkins, who died on December 21. Sympathy also to Ashley & Nick Gold and Carter Gold.
- Annette & Mike Crout, on the death of Mike's mother, Barbara Jean Crout, who died on December 22.
- Family and friends on the death of Leslie 'Dorris' Kelly Jr., who died on December 24.
- Mary Helen Bailey, on the death of her mother, Nell Buchanan, who died on December 25.

MISSION MINISTRY

■ SERVE WHILE YOU SLEEP! — Room in the Inn needs overnight hosts to stay at the Cannon Center from 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. (with captain's assistance). Also needed are van drivers, quick breakfasts, sandwiches for sack lunch (both dropped off the night before) and laundry. Sign-up sheets are in Courtenay Hall or Sign-up on our website.

■ EAST AFRICA MISSION TRIP — Trip dates are June 28–July 10, 2019. Join Stu Ross in construction work on churches/schools and visits to mission projects supported by FPC in Kenya. Trip leader will be Michael Baron. The trip cost is estimated to be \$5,000; a \$1,500 deposit and copy of your passport are due by March 1, 2019. Please contact Annette Crout with any questions.

■ MISSION TRIP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE — Financial assistance is available for members to participate in any church-sponsored mission trip. Contact Sandra Randleman at 615-298-9502 or srandleman@fpcnashville.org to submit a request.

*For Mission Ministry or mission trip financial assistance information,
contact Annette Crout at 615-298-9507 or missions@fpcnashville.org.*

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

■ NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS OPPORTUNITY — Join Josh Rodriguez, starting today, for a review and discussion of two books: *Love Wins* and *Erasing Hell*. Class will meet in OHS room L-201.

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church

To know Christ, to make Him known, and to exhibit His love through worship, education, and service.

■ **COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** — Join us January 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 9:45 to 10:45 A.M. in Memorial Library. We will be discussing Rob Bell's book *Love Wins*.

■ **ME MORNINGS** — Join us from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. on Thursdays in The Gathering Place beginning January 17.

■ **CENTER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. in Beth Singer's home. Led by Beth Singer.

■ **CENTER MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. in The Gathering Place. Led by Josh Rodriguez.

*For Young Adult Ministry info, contact
Josh Rodriguez at 615-298-9598 or jrodriguez@fpcnashville.org.*

YOUTH MINISTRY

■ **JUNIOR HIGH SKI TRIP** — January 18–20, 2019. Sign up online today!

For Youth Ministry info, contact 615-298-9570 or youth@fpcnashville.org.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

■ **SENIOR PICKLEBALL** — We will have courts and equipment available on Fridays at 3:00 P.M. in the Enrichment Center.

■ **THURSDAY LUNCHEON: CELEBRATING TODD JONES** — On January 17 at 12:00 P.M. in Courtenay Hall, we look forward to this special opportunity to celebrate Todd, recalling our joys and sharing our goodbyes. RSVP to hospitalitycenter@fpcnashville.org by January 14.

For First Friends info, contact 615-383-1815.

RECREATION MINISTRY

■ **VOLUNTEER WITH OUR EQUINE PROGRAM** — Our therapeutic horseback riding program is currently seeking volunteers to serve as horse leaders and side walkers. No horse experience is necessary. The program hours are from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. If interested, contact Curt Stacy at ctstacy@fpcnashville.org or call 615-298-9583.

*For Recreation Ministry info, contact Bryan Miller
at bmiller@fpcnashville.org.*



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